

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Southern
California Gas Company to Adopt Performance
Based Regulation for Base Rates to be Effective
January 1, 1997. (U 904 G)

Application 95-06-002
(Petition For Modification
Filed October 29, 2002)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SHORTENING TIME TO RESPOND TO PETITION FOR
MODIFICATION OF DECISION 97-07-054**

By its petition, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) seeks authority to suspend its cost-of-capital trigger mechanism, which otherwise would cause a reduction in its authorized rate of return on rate base, effective January 1, 2003. In light of the short time between the date SoCalGas filed its petition and January 1, 2003, SoCalGas seeks a shorten time period for parties to file and serve responses to its petition.

Pursuant to Rule 47(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, responses to the petition must be filed and served within 30 days of the date that the petition was served, unless the Administrative Law Judge sets a different date. In view of SoCalGas' stated need for prompt action, it is reasonable and appropriate to shorten the time for parties to file and serve responses to the petition.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that responses to the petition of Southern California Gas Company for modification of Decision 97-07-054 shall be filed and served no later than November 14, 2002.

Dated November 7, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHAEL GALVIN
Michael Galvin
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Shortening Time to Respond to Petition for Modification of Decision 97-07-054 on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated November 7, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JEANNIE CHANG

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